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The Boston Guardian, with an asininity that has grown to be characteristic, makes an unwarranted assault upon the Atlanta Congress, forsooth, because Booker T. Washington was among the speakers. This week we may expect a virulent attack upon the Business League, but the people are so thoroughly disgusted that what is said will be ignored as the vaporings of an unsound mind.

Miss Hazel Harrison, of LaPorte, Indiana, a graduate of the High School of that city, is winning fame as a pianist. She has made several public appearances in Chicago, where she was a pupil of Victor Heinze. Miss Harrison comes of one of LaPorte's leading families. She now has under consideration an offer from a wealthy Chicago woman to enable her to spend several years in Europe in study under musical masters.

A judge has rendered another decision which does not add to the comfort of married men. A woman may forge her husband's name to a check, collect the money and spend it on finery or bonbons, and nothing can be done about it. Well, as a man takes a wife for better or for worse, he is not supposed to kick if he takes his chances and gets the worst of it. The majority of women, however, understand that a good jolly profiteth more than forgery in raising the "ready" for any thing she wants.

Parson Jones gave the sojourners at Atlantic City a severe jolt by his prediction that the town would be visited by a disastrous tidal wave, and all of the eloquence of the skilled weather chief could not prevent an exodus—not only blacks, but of whites who are supposed to be proof against "silly superstition." The wicked flee when no man pursueth. Parson Jones has had his little joke, advertised his congregation, increased his collections—and Atlantic City is doing business at the old stand as usual.

What some people will do next is a problem. It is a sore reflection upon the culture and humanity of the Caucasian to read of the fiendish crime of Mrs. Earl Sharp, wife of a prominent citizen of Knoxville, Tenn., who gouged out the eyes of her Negro servant with a silver table fork. Jealousy is said to be the cause. For five minutes, with the strength of a maniac, she held her presumed rival over a red-hot stove and tortured her with the malignity of a maniac. Mrs. Sharp was released on a \$10,000 bond. We shudder to think what would have happened to the Negro woman had the situation been reversed.

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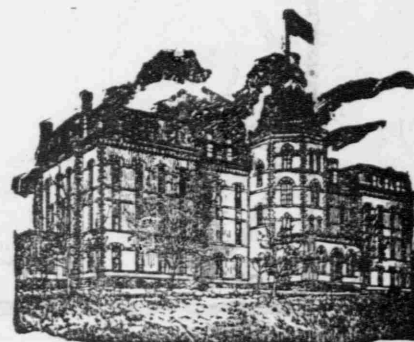
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